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what an extent the Government has taken advantage of this agreement. Hardly a week goes by without its batch of United States prisoners arriving, sentenced all the way from one year to life. Out of the 1,000 prisoners now serving at the pen, as it is usually called by those who have dealings with it either as convicts, keepers or otherwise, about 200 are United States prisoners. Perhaps it should be taken as a compliment to should be taken as a compliment to the general management of the prison that the majority of the prisoners sent there are the most desperate, heartless, cruel and cunning of those sentenced by United States courts, many of them coming from I can and the West. The percentage of escapes during the past ten years has been so small, in comparison with the escapes from other like prisons, that the United States authorities have come to have almost implicit confidence in its security. When there is a particularly daring

When there is a particularly daring and desperate criminal to be sent away the Kings County penitentiary is among the first prisons mentioned.

One of the most interesting prisoners now at the pen is Kid Wilson, One of the most interesting prisoners now at the pen is Kid Wilson, who is serving a sentence of twenty-four years for robbing a mail train in Arkansas. Wilson is a bright looking lad of 18 years, and if you were to meet him on the street he would be the last person you would suspect of being a desperado. In fact, upon his innocent appearance he to a great extent relied in the confidence games and petty thefts for which he was well known throughout the West when but a mere child. Young as he was, however, he was the leading spirit of as desperate a band of brigands as ever existed in the West. It is believed by the authorities that many of the acts of daring in the West were done by this gang, but this was never proven until he held up the train for the robbery of which he is now in prison. After he had conceived the idea of robbing the train he and his gang piled the track full of ties, where it ran through a rocky gorge. When it came to a stop two of the gang jumped on the engine and two more on the mail car, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train, he and his gang jumped on the engine and two more on the mail car, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train, he and his gang jumped on the engine and two more on the mail car, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train, he and his gang jumped on the engine and two more on the mail car, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train. car, while those who were left distributed themselves along the train, covering the doors with their revolvers, so that no one should escape. Then the Kid, pulling from his pocket a whisky bottle made in imitation of a revolver, started from the first car and walked through the entire train, flourishing the whisky flask revolver flercely in the faces of the frightened passengers and demanding their money and jewels. He compelled everyone to throw the valuables into a big sack and when he arrived at the back platform he pulled the cork and took a drink from the supposed revolver before car, while those who were left dis-

leaving.

Another train robber at the pen who is but a boy in years is Bob Stittler, 19 years of age, who was Kid Wilson's lieutenant and who, with his captain, governed a score of desperadoes each old enough to be his father. He is serving thirteen years. One of the best known train robbers, horse thieves and probable murderers which Kansas has ever seen is serving a fifteen year sentence in the pen. His name is Henry Turner, but he was also known as Dynamite Jack. This worthy for years led a double life and few eyen of his own band knew who he really was. When with his band he was never without a mask over his face and a cape, which completely hid his figure. But he was seldom with the band, excepting to execute some rob-bery which he had conceived from information while acting the part of general sport under the name of general sport under the name of Henry Turner in some town in the vicinity of his band's headquarters. It is said by people in the pen who come from the same section with Dynamite Jack that he killed the formation of the head to obtain mer captain of the band to obtain the command himself. He obtained his name some years since by using dynamite to blow open the sale of an

Another interesting prisoner is a colored man named C. W. Lewis, who is serving twenty-eight years for forging pension claims. He was a minister and preached around the country. His mode of operation was to find in the transite above. his travels church members who had fought in the war but were not drawing pensions. He would obtain all the particulars necessary, upon one pretext or another, and then forge the requisite papers. He succeeded in carrying on this deception for years, having forged fourteen dif-ferent claims, for each of which he was sentenced to two years' impris-onment. He was at last discovered by one of the persons whose claim he had forged making personal applicaenviable reputation for plety, be-cause he invariably refused to take pay for his preaching, and performed

many acts of charity.

One of the most bloodthirsty villains at the pen is a colored man named Warren Taylor, who was sen-tenced to ten years' imprisonment from the Eastern district of Texas for murder. Taylor had a mortal enemy whom he swore to kill and to cut his heart out. For ten years he followed his enemy from place to place until at last the opportunity for which he had waited so long came, and he killed his enemy, afterward literally keeping his oath by cutting his heart out. his heart out.

Many of the United States prisoners at the penitentiary are Indians who have been sentenced for various crimes. Among the most desperate of these is a Cherokee with an unpronounceable Indian name, who was sentenced for ten years for man-slaughter under the name of Mitchell Taylor. He comes from Oklahoma. ful as doub where he was the chief of a band of Indians and half breeds. One night this country he made a descent upon a new set-individual.

CRIMINALS tlement with the intention of wiping it out. Fortunately the whites had been informed of the intended raid TENTIARY.

Bey Bandits. Half Brood Cut
Threats, Train Robbers and
Counterfeiters Are All There.

While it is a well known fact that the Kings County Penitentiary, in Brooklyn, N. Y., is under contract with the United States Government to take and provide for Government prisoners at a stipulated price per term for killing a woman because she refused him something to eat. Thomas Barber, from Texas, is serving a life sentence for murder. He lay in wait for his victim and killed him with a charge of buckshot. Stanislaus Wroblienski, who is serving an eight years' sentence from Delaware, was one of the cleverest counterfeiters this country has ever seen. He owned a small fruit canning factory. His engine was belted to a shaft which was supposed to run a portion of the machinery in the cellar, but which in reality ran underground to a cave in the side of the throat of its pursuer. If you lar, but which in reality ran underground to a cave in the side of the throat of its pursuer. If you lar, but which the factory backet. Here the counterfeiting was carried on extensively, the spurious coin and notes being taken to a distant city,

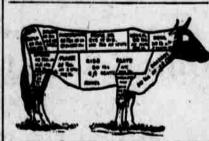
In the lay in wait for his victim and killed him with a charge of buckshot. No poisons are more deadly than those produced by the decay of an imput the give getting into a sore in his mouth. No poisons are more deadly than those produced by the decay of an imput the give getting into a sore in his mouth. No poisons are more deadly than those produced by the decay of an imput the give getting into a sore in his mouth. No poisons are more deadly than those produced by the decay of an imput the give mouth. No poisons are more deadly lakes. Northwestern New Jersey has a sort of lake system, North Dakota's lake system is part of the larger system is part to take and provide for Government prisoners at a stipulated price per head, it is not generally known to what an extent the Government has taken advantage of this agreement.

Stanislaus Wroblienski, who is serving an eight years' sentence from on extensively, the spurious coin and notes being taken to a distant city, where they were given over to agents who didn't even know where they were made. He was eventually trapped, however, by passing some of the spurious money in his own neighborhood, another case of over confidence bringing disaster.

HOW A STEER IS CUT UP.

The Chicago Trust Hes Paralyzed the Whole Most Industray.

Careful study of the accompanying diagram of a prime steer as it reaches the wholesale butcher from either of the local establishments of



"There is a steer," and the dealer pointed through the glass door of a refrigerator, "that weighed 800 pounds when laid on these scales to-way. I paid nine cents a pound for it. Don't believe those eleven and twelve cent stories, for they are not true. It cost me \$72 at the warehouse. I hauled it here, must pay my men to cut it up and deliver it and all that. What will I get for what cost me \$72? Just \$75.26.

"A steer goes into an abbatoir on the hoof and every ounce of him goes

out a commercial commodity. A 1,200 pound steer will not 800 pounds of beef. The hide is sold to the tanners. A limited number of talls go to dealers in ox tails and special dealers buy the tongues, which are sold to delicatessens here, and in Chicago go to the canners of 'lunch tongues.' There is a limited demand for brains. All livers find a ready sale, and the lining of the paunch. known as tripe, is growing in such favor that it is all disposed of to lealers who pickle it.

"From the pure fat is extracted the highest quality of oleo oil. This is generally exported to Holland, where it enters into the make up of the gilt edged Dutch butter that commands fancy prices in England. From other fats come the lower grades of cleo oil. From selected bones are secured, by boiling, gelatine, which is the basis of all cheap jellies and marmalades. Stearine, used as a base of chewing gum and for many other purposes, is the product left from the process of pressing out oleo oil.

"All hoofs are boiled and the val-

usble commodity known as neat's foot oil is secured. The horns are sold to manufacturers of combs and fancy goods. The hoofs after boiling are also used in the making of horn ornaments. Everything that is left, blood, entrails, etc., is made into fertilizing material not the least valuable commodity turned out of the abbatoir. I have no positive figures, but I believe that the 400 pounds of 'offai.' the term used as applying to everything except the actual beef, will net the killer from \$20 to \$22. The wholesale slaughterer does not get any of the worst of it at any stage of the game."

Nast, the Cartoonist.

If anyone knows genial "Tom" Nast, his hopes, aims, ambitions, and, in addition, can make a picture that should be truthful, it is the same genial "Tom" himself. The above is Nast drawn by himself. The tion for a pension. Lewis had a most father of caricature in this country is still a powerful master in black



NOTES AND COMMENTS.

DR. J. WEST ROOSEVELT, a very high medical authority, demon-strates in the Scribner that bicycle riding develops not only the muscles of the legs, but most of the important muscles of the body.

THE man who died the other day after licking an envelope was pois-oned by decaying animal matter from

the same age is shown by experi-ments on a child of seven months,

10,000. In France, on the other hand, out of 848,651 who drew for the conscription no fewer than hibited classes he is at once returned hibited classes he is at once returned hibited classes he is at once returned hibited classes he came at the conscription no fewer than 22,006, or 648 per 10,000, were similarly illiterate.

work and marvelously fertile.

CONCLUDING an editorial article in advocacy of good country roads the New York Tribune says: In Massa-landing, 128. chusetts there is a permanent Highway Commission, under whose authority \$100,000 is being expended in building State roads. This sum has been divided among fourteen counties. The general plan is to build, section by section, roads to connect

were heroic also in the stern athletic training to which they were submitted in their youth with a view to making their bodily frames healthy and strong for motherhood. But their british as a product of the bodily structure. There is no soul which has a body for its house. There is a body which has a soul or mind as an attribute of its physical existence. attribute of its physical existence.
This soul or mind may vary as the body does. "After the relations of the various structural elements of the body and you after the self." Suggestion from a superior mind assimilates the other creature to itself; and so controls its mental and physical operations. Under a bad influence anybody may be Mr. Hyde; under a good one everybody is Dr. Jekyll.

A LITTLE over nine years ago Chicago's Haymarket tragedy occurred. On the night of May 4, 1886, a bomb was thrown into the ranks of the Chicago never witnessed excitement and agitation to the notice of so many people, and probably no other influwidespread study of social economy. Four men were hanged for the Haymarket crime, and one killed himself in jail by blowing his head to pieces with a dynamite cartridge exploded in his mouth. It was never discovered who threw the bomb. When it exploded it blew Chicago anarchy to pieces and answered the directly op-posite purpose its thrower evidently intended.

A most interesting flag will fly over the plant system exhibit at the At-lanta (Ga.) Exposition. "It is" says the Atlanta Constitution, "a plain flag of bunting with the stars and stripes of the United States. It surmounted the exhibit of the plant system in the old Piedmont Exposition

and which adorned the exhibit of the plant system at Paris, and which will again adorn that exhibit at this exposition."

It is usual to class as the lake States of the Union only those that border upon one or more of the great lakes, but there are many other States that may be properly so called. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have well developed lake considerable bodies of water. Southdiseases either."

EXPERIMENTS made to determine at what age a child first becomes responsive to music show that at six or seven months they are fully so, at least as far as time is concerned. That they are also sensitive to tone at the same age is shown by experi-

THE large decrease in the number

who will not begin to beat time to 'Pata-cake'' picked on the zither in any chord higher than E, but at once responds to E.

ARMY statistics in France and Germany bring out clearly the fact that ARMY statistics in France and Germany bring out clearly the fact that the latter country has a better system of elementary education than its rival. Out of 258,177 recruits incorporated in the Germany Army during last year 617 only were unable to read or write—that is to say, 24 per 10,000. In France, on the other to the country whence he came at the expense of the steamship com-THERE seems to be no end to human credibility. A writer in a French review, to show the misery and readiness to believe anything that promised to better their condition, as well as the audacity of the unscrupulous the result of these combined efforts rascals by whom they are sometimes have been very satisfactory. A fleeced, tells the story of an adventurer who persuaded a number of the Bureau of Immigration which peasantry in some districts in Russia shows the number of immigrants to hand over to his keeping all their which arrived in the United States worldly possessions with a view of for the nine months ending March 31, emigrating, under his guidance, to the planet Jupiter, where they were the planet Jupiter, which arrived in the United States which arrived immigrants debarred for nine months ending March 81, 1895, 1,488; num-

Womanly Heroism.

building State roads. This sum has been divided among fourteen counties. The general plan is to build, section by section, roads to connect business centers, and join them with through roads in other States. Colonel Pope, who is an enthusiast on the subject of good roads, is convinced that the Massachusetts plan is superior to that of any other State. Certain it is that Massachusetts plan is superior to that of any other State. Certain it is that Massachusetts plan is at perior to that of any other setts has taken hold of the matter in earnest and with intelligence.

The most heroic women were of ancient Sparta; and this partly because, while heroic, they did not themselves take part in war, but they deemed it their special glory to bring forth sons brave, hardy and patriotic, and, having borne them, to give them up to their country. The Spartan women took a lofty interest in the affairs of their native land. Their husbands and sons were fired by their sympathy and deterred from weakness by the dresd of their reproaches and this partly because, while heroic, they did not themselves take part in war, but they deemed it their special glory to bring forth sons brave, hardy and patriotic, and, having borne them, to give them up to their country. The Spartan women took a lofty interest in the affairs of their native land. Their husbands and sons were fired by their sympathy and deterred from weakness by the dresd of their reproaches and The most heroic women were of DR. Howard, of Baltimore. In an address to the American Medical Association, has endeavored to give an analytical account of the mystery of hypnotism. Every phenomenon of this strange influence is referred by him to "suggestion"—this word being in this use a technical term, which means that one mind controls another by irresistibly suggesting its line of thought. "Self is not an enterty of the freed of their reproaches and trich plumes. Two of the monkeys were in a cage on a line with the top of the hat and the third was in a cage by himself below where she had only to reach out her right hand to touch him. This girl loves monkeys, and all three of the monkeys seemed to the stern athletic that had the third was in a cage on a line with the top of the hat and the third was in a cage on the trich plumes. Two of the monkeys were in a cage on a line with the top of the hat and the third was in a cage of a line with the top of the hat and the third was in a cage of a line with the po by the dresd of their reproaches and trich plumes. Two of the monkey

Sent forth to fight; one tomb received them all. No tear she shed, but shouted "Vietory! Sparta, I bore them but to die for

-New York Advertiser.

Battle With a Boar.

thee !

Grant Earhart, who lives on Tailtcoos Lake, near Florence, Or., came near being killed by a bear while out On the night of May 4, 1886, a bomb was thrown into the ranks of the police, who had gone to disperse an anarchist meeting. One policeman was killed outright, six were mortally wounded, and sixty more or less injured. The number of the crowd killed or hurt was never known.

Chiese rever witnessed excitament the police with the bear. Mr. Earhart poked his gun at the brute and quickly fired three shots, but it did not stop bruin. Earhart thrust the muzzle of his gun into the bear's mouth, chicago never witnessed excitement so intense, and she at once achieved the reputation of being the center of anarchism for the whole world. No one event ever brought labor troubles and agitation to the notice of so many drew his dirk knife. The bear struck the thrown up arm, breaking it in ence has done so much to cause a several places, and then struck him several times about the shoulders, neck and head, and tore the scalp off the back part of Mr. Earhart's head with one terrible sweep of his clawed foot. Just here his noble trained dogs rushed up and pounced upon the bear, which turned to fight them, and Mr. Earhart escaped. The bear died from its wounds while struggling with the dogs.

Advice to the Married.

At Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. Dr. Johnson, Secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal Board of Education, preached. Bishop Gaines announced that Dr. Johnson in 1887, and was much admired by Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland when they were shown through the exhibit by Mr. Grady. That flag afterward decorated the exhibit of the plant system at the Paris Exposition, and on the day when the Bartholdi statue was presented to the city of Paris by American citizens through Mr. Whitelaw Reid, then United States Minister to France, who acted as spokesman, and was accepted by President Carnot, both of them alluded in their speeches to the flag flying at the top of the Effel tower. That flag was the same above alluded to, which surmounted the exhibit at the Piedmont Exposition, and consider well. Some men are so mean and some women are so indifferent that it makes matters bad. It is partly the fault of both that so many people do not succeed in living happily after marriage. You women make yourselves look just too sweet before you capture the man of your choice, and when you get him, instead of keeping yourselves up to the standard of good looks, you neglect it. I tell you that I want my wife to look just as sweet to-day as she did when I fell in love with her." A Wender of Relationship.

In an old scrapbook which has been in the family of the editor of "Notes for the Curious" for twenty-five or thirty years, and which contains a number of clippings without date. I find the following: "William Harman, who committed suicide at Titusville, Penn., a short time since, did so because some one had condid so because some one had con-vinced him that he was his own grandfather! Here is a copy of the grandfather! Here is a copy of the singular letter he left: 'I married a widow who had a grown-up daughter. My father visited us often, fell is love with my stepdaughter and married her. Thus he became my son-in-law, and my stepdaughter became my mother, because she was my father's wife. Soon after this my wife gave birth to a son, which, of course, was my father's brother-in-law, and also became the mother of a son. He was, of course, my brother, and also my grandchild, for he was the son of my daughter. Accordingly my wife was my grandmother, because she was my mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at one and the same time. And as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather!" Was it any wonder that the poor man rid himself of such tangled relationship?

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309 Chamber of Commerce. my uncle, for he was the brother of my stepmother. My father's wife also became the mother of a son. He

Bird Celenies:

Within the Arctic Circle are the great bird colonies. The largest and most remarkable is that of Svaerholt Klubben.

Every inch of this wonderful cliff. which rises about one thousand feet which rises about one thousand feet from the water's edge, and is of con-siderably greater breadth, may be said to be used by the birds. The discharge of a small cannon in the immediate neighborhood will darken the air with millions of birds, but even then a field glass will reveal the innumerable ledges white with other undisturbed millions.

These consist almost entirely of

the small guil, and they are a source of considerable income to the owner of the colony, who lives at the little fishing station close by. About the middle of May every year, by means of a long ladder placed against the foot of the cliff, he proceeds to collect the eggs. Of these there are at the cash past and the most three to each nest, and the number taken averages from 6,000 to 10,000 annually, or the produce of, say, 8,000 pairs of birds.

Ropes are not used for this purpose at Saverholt, as they are in the Farce Isles, so that the highest of the above figures represent only a very small percentage of the yearly production of the colony, as far the greater portion of the cliff face, where the nests are packed as closely as they can be, remains absolutely untouched.

and the pocketbook the couple in the upper story snatched the hat. It came off, hatpins, vail and all, and came with such remarkable sudden-ness that she grabbed her jacket, for fear that would go the same way.

When the monkeys surrendered the millinery the hatpins were bent dou-ble and the inside of the cage was so strewn with feathers that it looked as though the inmates had been molting. And now the young lady declares a monkey is a nasty beast.

A Chinese School.

A Chinese school in full swing is a rather noisy affair, and rather startling to one who has only been accustomed to the quiet of a well-regulated English schoolroom. Each pupil studies continually sloud — very much aloud—and probably from a different book. Among the wealthy classes a boy's life is one long suc-cession of examinations, as his social position and political advancement will depend entirely upon the degree of scholarship to which he can prove he has attained. Chinese children spend a great deal of time with their parents, and it was my observation that the girls were as well treated. as much petted and as well cared for as the boys. The daughters of the rich are taught to take care of their personal appearance, great pride in their garments and jewels, and to dress their eyebrows - a very important part of any Chinese feminine tollet among the mandarin and wealthiest classes. In a rich family the feet of the girls are generally bound, and the seven-year-old daughter of a red-buttoned mandarin, though she may sob and cry bitterly during the cruel operation, would re-sent it more bitterly if she were left to walk through life on feet of natural

Lobsters Afraid of Thunder.

One of the lobster's queer feats is that of purposely amputating his enormous and almost useless claws in time of real or fancied danger. He dreads thunder above all things, says a scientific writer, and when the peals are uncommonly loud or frequent he deftly drops his claws and takes to deep water with all possible speed. It is also said that anything irritating will cause a similar exhibition of this peculiar power. Boys who are acquainted with this curious fact in natural history often frequent the fish stalls of the larger cities and with straws tickle the imprisoned lobsters until they have the appearance of having been through a threshing machine. Lobsters thus deprived of their limbs soon grow others, a faculty possessed by but few living creatures.

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